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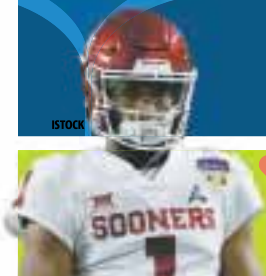
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JOE PANTORNO, SPORTS EDITOR

Love is in the air, even in New York sports. As we celebrate Valentine's Day, teams around the Big Apple are courting and trying to woo some big names along all sorts of markets. Whether it's Manny Machado or Kevin Durant, will there be love for some future buyers? Read more on Pages 29-31.

WELCOME TO
METRO.USFormer Air Force
officer faces spy charges

1 U.S. authorities on Wednesday charged former Air Force intelligence officer Monica Witt with helping Iran launch a cyber-spying operation that targeted her former colleagues after she defected from the United States. The U.S. Justice Department said Witt, 39, assembled dossiers on eight U.S. military intelligence agents she had worked with for Iranian hackers, who then used Facebook and e-mail

to try to install spyware on their computers. She defected to Iran in 2013 and presumably still lives there, U.S. officials said. "She decided to turn against the United States and shift her loyalty to Iran," said Jay Tabb, the FBI's executive assistant director for national security. "Her primary motivation appears to be ideological." Washington also charged four Iranian nationals who it said were involved in the cyberattacks.

Wary of shutdown, Trump
inches toward deal support

2 President Donald Trump on Wednesday edged toward backing a deal in Congress on government funding that would not meet his demand for \$5.7 billion for a wall on the Mexican border but would avert a partial government shutdown. Trump, widely blamed for a five-week shutdown that ended in January, said he did not want to see federal agencies close again

because of fighting over funds for the wall, one of his signature campaign promises in the 2016 election. The Republican president did not commit himself to backing the government funding agreement struck between Democratic and Republican lawmakers this week. But two sources and a Republican senator close to the White House said he would likely sign off on it.

PROTESTS TURN DEADLY IN HAITI

3 Demonstrators march on the streets during demonstrations in the center of Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, part of a nearly weeklong protest against Haitian President Jovenel Moïse and the misuse of Petrocaribe funds.



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NASA bids adieu to
Mars rover 'Opportunity'

4 "Opportunity," a remarkably durable NASA rover designed to roll along the surface of Mars for three months, has stopped communicating with Earth after 15 years of service, officials said on Wednesday, ending a mission that astounded the U.S. space agency. Engineers lost contact with the solar-powered vehicle on June 10 during a dust storm that encircled Mars. Since then, NASA officials made numerous attempts

to reach the six-wheeled rover, which is about the size of a golf cart. Opportunity's equipment may have been compromised by the storm, which struck while the rover was at a site called Perseverance Valley and blotted out sunlight needed by the robot's solar panels, officials said. The vehicle was built to drive six-tenths of a mile, but ended up covering 28 miles and lasting longer on Mars than any other robot sent to Mars' surface.

Ryan Adams calls NYT
accusations 'inaccurate'

5 Singer Ryan Adams on Wednesday called a New York Times article about him "upsetingly inaccurate" but said he was "not a perfect man" and apologized to anyone he had hurt. Adams, 44, was responding on Twitter to a story in which seven women, including his ex-wife actress Mandy Moore, accused him of manipulative behavior and of pursuing female artists for sex. "I am not

a perfect man and I have made many mistakes. To anyone I have ever hurt, however unintentionally, I apologize deeply and unreservedly," Adams tweeted. "But the picture that this article paints is upsettingly inaccurate. Some of its details are misrepresented; some are exaggerated; some are outright false. I would never have inappropriate interactions with someone I thought was underage. Period," he added.

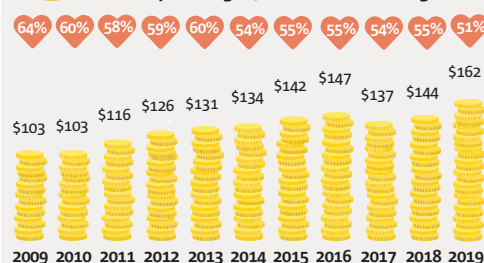
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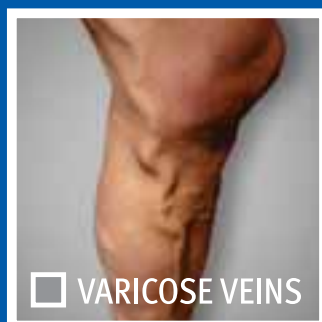
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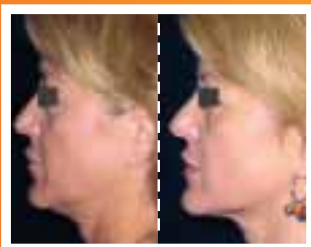
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NEWS



New York Police Det. Brian Simonsen.

NYPD

Investigation underway for detective killed by 'friendly fire'

The 19-year veteran was shot while responding to an attempted robbery.



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New York Police Det. Brian Simonsen was shot and killed Tuesday evening in what police officials said was "friendly fire."

A second NYPD detective was shot in the leg and is considered to be in stable condition. Both members of service were involved in gunfire while responding to an attempted robbery inside a Queens cellphone store.

Officials said the shooting took place at a T-Mobile store located on the north side of Atlantic Avenue near 120th Street in the Richmond Hill section of Queens. The incident took place at around 6:30 p.m.

The detective was identified as Brian Simonsen, a 19-year veteran with the NYPD. Officials said he was shot in the chest and taken to Jamaica Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. He was 42.

The other detective involved in the shooting, Sgt. Matthew Gorman, 34, was taken to the hospital where he underwent surgery for a gunshot wound to his leg.

Police Commissioner James O'Neill said both detectives opened fire on the suspect and were struck by bullets from other cops outside of the T-Mobile store. Both detectives were not in uniform at the time. Simonsen was not wearing a bulletproof vest.

"This is an absolute tragedy, the worst outcome any police officer or family of a police officer could ever imagine," Commissioner O'Neill said during a press conference.

ference.

The suspect was identified as 27-year-old Christopher Ransom. Officials say he pointed a gun and was shot several times by police. He was taken to New York-Presbyterian Queens hospital, where he is in police custody.

Commissioner O'Neill described the suspect as a "career criminal" during a press conference. The New York Daily News reported that Ransom has been arrested 25 times include resisting arrest, grand larceny and turnstile jumping. Ransom was last arrested in 2016.

Authorities said it was later determined that Ransom was carrying a fake gun at the time of the shooting.

On Wednesday, Commissioner O'Neill took to Twitter to honor the life of Det. Simonsen.

"Det. Brian Simonsen was the kind of public servant cops strive to be. He & his loved ones will always be part of our police family, & we will #NeverForget their sacrifice."

Police Commissioner O'Neill, via Twitter

"Today, the 55,000 members of the NYPD again mourn one of our own," he posted to Twitter. "Detective Brian Simonsen was the kind of public servant cops strive to be. He & his loved ones will always be part of our police family, & we will #NeverForget their sacrifice," he wrote.

Funeral arrangements for Simonsen had not been announced by press time.

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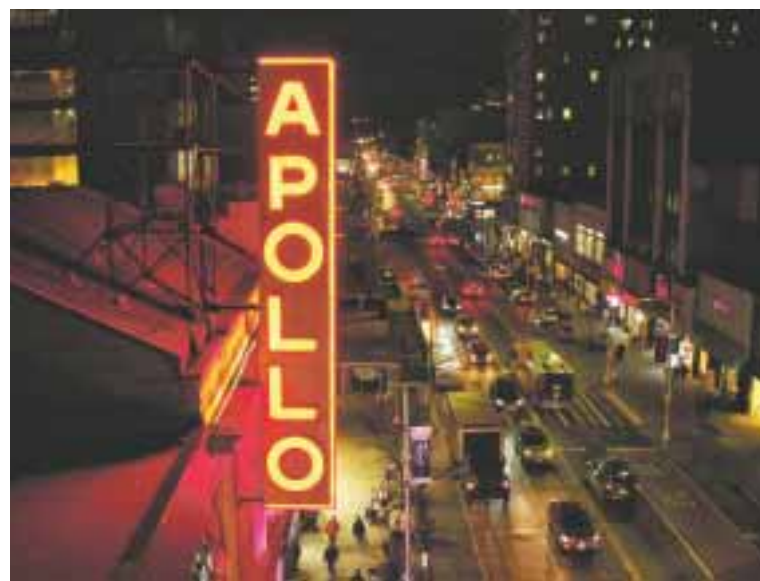


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The Tribeca Film Festival gets ready to kick off its 18th year

The world premiere of the HBO documentary "The Apollo" will kick off this year's programming.



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The Tribeca Film Festival will open its 18th edition with the world premiere of the HBO documentary "The Apollo," which chronicles the unique history and contemporary legacy of the New York City landmark the Apollo Theater. The film will debut at the iconic venue on April 24, and later this year on HBO.

Directed by Academy and Emmy Award-winning director Roger Ross Williams, the feature-length film covers the rich history of the Harlem institution over its 85 years and includes behind-the-scenes footage with the team that makes the theater run. "The Apollo" features interviews with artists including Patti LaBelle, Pharrell Williams, Smokey Williams and Jamie Foxx.

"The Apollo is about so much more than just

music, it's about how we used music and art to lift ourselves out of oppression," commented Williams. "The story of the Apollo is the story of the evolution of black American identity and how it grew to become the defining cultural movement of our time."

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Roger Ross Williams, director, "The Apollo"

The theater is internationally renowned for influencing American and pop culture and as a launchpad for myriad artists including Billie Holiday, Aretha Franklin, Ella Fitzgerald, Diana Ross & The Supremes, Stevie Wonder, the Jackson 5, Luther Vandross, Dave Chapelle, Lauryn Hill, Jimi Hendrix and others.

"We're excited to finally be going uptown to play the Apollo," said Jane Rosenthal, co-

founder and CEO of the Tribeca Film Festival. "The Apollo gives audiences an inside look at the major role this institution has played for the past 85 years. It's seen the emergence of everything from Jazz to R&B to Soul and Gospel — all quintessential American music genres, and this is the time to remind people of our nation's rich history."

"The Apollo Theater is a symbol of the creative spirit of New York and beyond, and I'm very happy that we're kicking off our 18th festival celebrating it with this documentary from Roger Ross Williams," said Tribeca Co-Founder Robert De Niro.

The headlining documentary will have additional screenings throughout the festival; tickets go on sale starting Feb. 19.

Founded by Robert De Niro, Jane Rosenthal and Craig Hatkoff in 2001, the Tribeca Film Festival was created following the economic and cultural impact on Lower Manhattan following the attacks on the World Trade Center.

The 18th annual edition of the Tribeca Film Festival will take place April 24-May 6.



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Council Member Ruben Diaz Sr.

WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Diaz committee dissolved after anti-gay comments

The Bronx rep's refusal to apologize for insensitive comments led to the resolution.

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The City Council voted 45-1 to dissolve the Committee on For-Hire Vehicles on Wednesday, a commission created by Speaker Corey Johnson for Council Member Ruben Diaz Sr.

"I regret appointing Councilman Diaz to his chairmanship," said Johnson, in an impassioned testimony. "Trying to act in a charitable way to a man who had a history of saying these things — I'm sorry. I'm sorry to gay and lesbian New Yorkers who deserve so much better."

The only "no" vote came from Chaim M. Deutsch, who spoke favorably of the work done by the Committee on For-Hire Vehicles and drew connections

to anti-Semitic graffiti that caused an L train to be removed earlier on Wednesday morning. Council Members Fernando Cabrera, Andy King and Ydanis Rodriguez chose to abstain.

The committee to be dissolved, which discusses regulations on taxis and ride-share services, will have its duties folded into the Committee on Transportation, which is headed by Ydanis Rodriguez.

"Hate speech leads to hate crimes. Demonstrating people leads to real pain."

Jimmy Van Bramer, council member

Diaz himself was not present for the vote.

"Hate speech leads to hate crimes. Demonstrating people leads to real pain," said Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer. "Today, some queer kid in NYC is wondering if it's better to die than to be themselves."

BRIEF

New York fund manager pleads guilty to Belize airport scam

A New York investment manager pleaded guilty on Wednesday to running a \$21.9 million fraud in which he falsely told dozens of investors their money was being used to build an international airport in Belize, the U.S. Department of Justice said.

Brent Borland, 48, a principal at Borland Capital Group, pleaded guilty to one count each of securities fraud, wire fraud and conspiracy before U.S. District Judge Katherine Polk Failla in Manhattan, the Justice Department said.

The fraud counts each carry a maximum 20-year prison term. A federal public defender representing Borland did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Prosecutors said Borland promised double-digit rates of return for providing temporary "bridge" financing for the airport in Placencia, roughly 110 miles south of Belize City, and secured by real property in Belize.

Instead, authorities said the Sag Harbor, New York, and Delray Beach, Florida, resident diverted roughly \$6 million to himself and his family for such expenses as credit card bills, mortgage payments on a Florida mansion, a beach club membership, a Mercedes-Benz SUV and private-school tuition for his children.

Prosecutors said Borland's scheme ran from 2014 to March 2018, and all of his known investors lost money. Borland was criminally charged last May. His sentencing is scheduled for June 21.

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Members of NYSNA at a protest in 2017.

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Nurses set to strike over understaffing

Hospitals argue that the union isn't being flexible.



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Thousands of members of the New York State Nurses Association gathered outside hospitals in Manhattan and the Bronx on Wednesday in protest against understaffing and unsafe conditions for patients, problems that the union claims have been ignored by hospital administration.

"It is clear that something must be done, including the implementation of safe staffing ratios to ensure every patient gets the care they need and deserve," the nurses union said in a statement. "NYSNA [registered nurses] refused to be silenced on this issue, despite hospital attempts to stop RNs from expressing our views and hospital failure to provide us all the information we requested on staffing."

According to the union, over 20,000 nurses at New York Presbyterian, three Mount Sinai and two Montefiore Medical Center hospitals submitted around 3,800 complaints "to highlight severe problems in their facilities." One such report complained of a shift in a pediatric care center with only six nurses to look after 68 patients, leading to wait times as long as six hours.

"We don't have the time, not only to take care of them properly, but to do things like comfort a patient who is dying, or deal with the family with a terrible illness," said NYSNA president Judy Sheridan Gonzalez.

Though the union and the hospital are cur-

rently negotiating a new contract, as the previous one expired on Dec. 31, the patient-nurse ratio has been a point of conflict, and nurses aren't satisfied with how the discussion is going.

"I'm ready to strike," Michelle Gonzalez, a nurse in the intensive care unit at Montefiore, told LaborNotes. "I won't just be an unquestioning part of a machine. I will stop the machine if that is what it takes to win better standards for my patients."

Hospital representatives are more optimistic about contract negotiations, maintaining that the shifts officially complained about by the nurses union make up about 0.1 percent of all scheduled shifts in 2018.

"We continue to bargain in good faith to reach agreement with nurses on an economic package that would increase salaries and preserve and fully fund health and pension benefits," a hospital spokesman told Crain's New York.

NYSNA represents over 42,000 registered nurses across New York state, with 13,000 in New York City alone. A strike could mean serious problems for New York's hospitals, as the New York Professional Nurses Union has come out in support of their fellow organization.

The nurses' demonstrations on Wednesday were "informational" pickets — if the union votes to strike, they would need to notify hospitals 10 days in advance.



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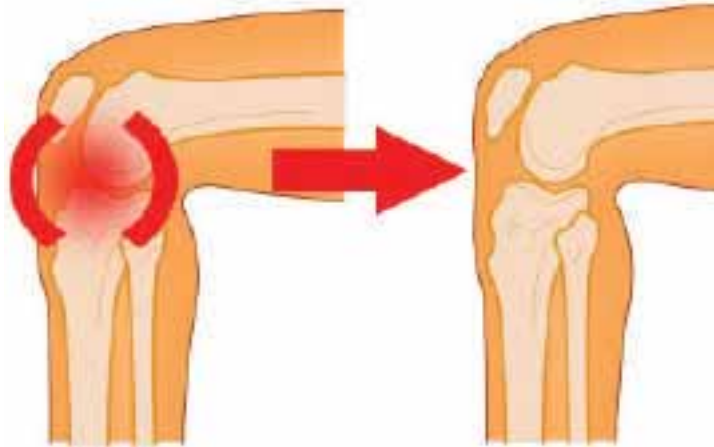
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On 'El Chapo's home turf, some locals lament Mexican drug lord's conviction

Joaquin Guzman was found guilty of all counts Tuesday.

News of the conviction of Mexico's legendary crime boss Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman traveled quickly on Tuesday to his rugged home state, where people said they felt pain for a man some described as a fallen folk hero and community benefactor.

Guzman was found guilty of smuggling tons of drugs into the United States over a decades-long career built on deadly intimidation and bloody turf wars as he moved illicit shipments across continents at lightning speed.

Reaction in his native state of Sinaloa, home to remote mountain villages and sunny beaches along Mexico's Pacific

coast, ranged from lament to resignation that little will change now that Guzman is likely to spend the rest of his life behind bars.

"Trafficking drugs will continue," said Gildardo Velazquez in Cuiliacan, the state's humid capital. "Nobody can stop it. Even now that they'll give him the life sentence they think he deserves, it's not going to change anything here."

Some others expressed sadness at the news of Guzman's conviction in a far-away New York federal courtroom.

"The truth is this hurts," said a gray-haired man wearing a baseball cap, who described himself as a native of Badiraguato, Guzman's hometown, but declined to provide his name.



El Chapo.

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"We know that he's helped a lot of people, building roads, schools, churches. People here will suffer now due to lack of support."

Guzman, whose nickname means "Shorty" in Spanish, will not be formally sentenced until June 25, though prosecutors said they expect

him to receive a life sentence without the chance of parole.

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Gildardo Velazquez in Cuiliacan

Rising from the same humble origins in Sinaloa as many other top Mexican capos, Guzman cemented his status as a criminal sensation by breaking out of prison twice, first in 2001 and again in 2015. He was recaptured in early 2016, and a year later was extradited to

the United States to face trial.

Despite the bloody details that emerged from the 11-week trial, with testimony from more than 50 witnesses, many locals continued to laud him as a modern-day Robin Hood, overlooking the murder and mayhem he left behind.

Others expressed fear that lawlessness across Mexico may grow as former rivals fight over the spoils in the aftermath of Guzman's conviction on all 10 counts brought by U.S. prosecutors.

"I think it might be counterproductive," said Carlos, a young man wearing headphones who declined to give his surname.

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"It is such an honor, because a lot of times in our culture, what we do as DJs gets overlooked," Grandmaster Flash, whose real name is Joseph Saddler, said in a statement.

"So for these people to say, let's give this to someone who doesn't necessarily use a microphone as their gift ... for me to be picked out of so many people, I am so,



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Joseph Saddler, a.k.a. Grandmaster Flash

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Mutter is a multi-award-winning classical violinist.

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It was only the second time that three laureates have been chosen in a single year. REUTERS

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For Parkland survivors, a year of political gains and unresolved pain

Thursday marks one year since the high school shooting.

A year after the deadliest high school shooting in U.S. history, students from Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School look back with pride on the network they have built to stem the country's epidemic of gun violence through the ballot box.

Even so, it has been difficult for many to come to terms with the trauma of Feb. 14, 2018, when a former Stoneman student with an assault gun massacred 17 people at the Parkland, Florida, campus.

"There's definitely not a day that goes by where I'm not thinking about it, and I know for a fact that everyone that has to walk through those campus gates is thinking about it," said junior Caitlynn



Artist and anti-gun activist Manny Oliver (R) and wife Patricia (C), the parents of Stoneman Douglas High School shooting victim Joaquin Oliver, listen as Joaquin's girlfriend Victoria Gonzalez (L) speaks. **ALL GETTY IMAGES**

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The student campaign in support of gun control, which featured a massive march on Washington and in other cities around the country, resulted in the formation of a sprawling national network called March for Our Lives.

With some 500 chap-

ters, it has linked tens of thousands of student activists in pushing for political candidates who support their goals of new measures to reduce gun violence.

"We have to replace these terrible actors who are comfortable putting our lives at risk for a check

from the NRA," said Matt Deitsch, the group's chief strategist, referring to the National Rifle Association, which opposes what it considers any retreat on gun rights.

Deitsch, along with Emma Gonzalez, David Hogg, Delaney Tarr and Jaclyn Corin, is among the

most prominent Stoneman students who have toured the nation to encourage young people to register and vote for pro-gun control candidates.

By "terrible actors," Deitsch was referring to political incumbents who oppose the group's goals, which include a ban on assault weapons. It also backs funding for gun violence research and supports universal background checks, disarming domestic abusers and enacting laws to staunch gun trafficking.

"The fact that gun violence is a top issue for the first time ever is something that should scare the people arrayed against us," Deitsch, 21, said with evident pride.

Having put together a multimillion-dollar war chest, with the help of A-list celebrities like George Clooney, Oprah Winfrey

and Steven Spielberg, the network aims to expand to thousands of high schools and colleges by the end of 2019, giving it even more clout going into the 2020 election.

On Monday, activists were to launch a petition campaign to put an assault weapons ban on Florida's ballot in the 2020 election. March for Our Lives leader Hogg, among the first Stoneman students to call for greater gun control in the hours after the shooting, was expected to attend the campaign kickoff, along with parents of some of the victims. The petition needs 800,000 signatures.

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Success has come at a cost for the student activists. Since last year's shooting, many have not had enough time to grieve or properly pro-

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People attend a candlelight memorial service for the victims of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

cess the tragedy.

In a series of recent Twitter messages, Tarr, a March for Our Lives co-founder, reflected on having to put on a composed "performance" over the past year as a public figure on social media.

"I can't sit back and let you think that I'm always fine, that I'm always ready to go. That's not realistic," she wrote. "I'm a human being and goddamn if all of this work and pain isn't hard."

The past year has brought more U.S. gun violence, complicating

"We carry a heavy weight, and every single day there's another mass shooting in America, and we see ourselves as vessels amplifying what's going on in this country."

Matt Deitsch, chief strategist, March for Our Lives

the task of recovery. In a shooting with echoes of Parkland, a gunman at Santa Fe High School in Texas killed 10 and wounded 14 on May 18.

Months later, an anti-Semitic attack on the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh left 11 dead and six injured.

By the end of the year, that pair of shootings, combined with hundreds of others, left a total of 387 dead, according to the Gun Violence Archive.

"We carry a heavy weight, and every single day there's another mass shooting in America, and we see ourselves as vessels amplifying what's going on in this country," Deitsch said. REUTERS



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Cities shunned by Amazon revive hopes for HQ

New York's opposition means other cities are back in the game.

Cities that were shunned in Amazon.com Inc.'s search for a secondary corporate headquarters are revisiting their bids in case one of the actual winners, New York City, rejects the corporate giant due to opposition from local politicians.

Chicago, Miami and Newark are among the passed-over finalists that have expressed interest in another chance to become the home of an Amazon project that could bring 25,000 jobs. Nashville, Tennessee, which was awarded a 5,000-person center, also said it was open to taking on a bigger role should New York withdraw from consideration.

Newark, New Jersey, some 15 miles to the west

of New York City, is willing to share the headquarters in the event its larger neighbor would be satisfied with a scaled-down project, said Aisha Glover, chief executive of Newark Alliance, the group leading that city's effort.

"We're definitely interested in reactivating our bid," Glover said, stressing the importance of keeping Amazon in the New York metropolitan area.

Amazon in November announced New York City and Arlington, Virginia, which borders Washington, D.C., would share the so-called HQ2 project, splitting some 50,000 jobs between the two places as the Seattle-based company looked to expand elsewhere.

But the New York project, to be based in the Long Island City neighborhood in the borough of Queens, just across the East River from Man-

hattan, has run into opposition from local politicians who oppose the \$2.8 billion in incentives promised to Amazon in a deal secretly negotiated by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Among those leading the opposition is state Sen. Michael Gianaris, a Democrat who represents the waterfront district where Amazon wants to locate. He criticized offering huge tax credits to a company that made a net profit of \$3 billion last quarter and whose chief executive, Jeff Bezos, is listed by Forbes as the richest man in the world.

"The dollars are pointed in the wrong direction. Amazon is trying to take, take, take. There's no consideration of the devastation they would wreak on the surrounding community," said Gianaris, raising concerns about the impact on pub-

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The state Senate has nominated Gianaris to the Public Authorities Control Board, which could sink the project as it has other deals in the past. In 2005, the board rejected a plan to build an Olympic and American football stadium in Manhattan.

Among Gianaris' allies is U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the rookie Democratic congresswoman from a nearby district whose progressive politics have captured a

large national following.

Amazon has the support of other politicians including Cuomo, who has yet to ratify Gianaris' position on the control board.

Amazon said it is not reaching out to any finalists.

"We appreciate hearing from locations we have worked with on HQ2 and other projects. We look forward to continuing the relationship as we make investment decisions in the future," Amazon said Wednesday.

Cuomo's office did not respond to Reuters requests for comment.

While the Amazon HQ does have its New York backers, the sustained opposition has led the company to reconsider other sites.

The Washington Post, which is owned by Bezos, cited two unnamed sources "familiar with the company's thinking" to report that Amazon executives held internal talks to reassess New York and consider alternatives.

But other places may be just as unwelcoming. Nearly 50 left-leaning organizations from cities on Amazon's shortlist published a letter saying they, too, opposed HQ2.

Still, Amazon received 238 proposals from across North America in a yearlong bidding war, and Amazon named 20 finalists. Among the cities on the shortlist were Chicago, Miami, Dallas and Newark.

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You know it is a sad world when you are seen by other passengers as the savior of humanity when you give up your seat on the train to an elderly person. It made me proud yet sad. I glanced around the train, I noticed an elderly beautiful woman who looked like she could use a seat. With a smile I gave up my seat to her after deciding she was the best "candidate." My heart skipped a beat when I saw her wide smile as if she was massively surprised. It is an expensive "commodity," a seat on the train. As happy as I was, I realized if I had not given up my seat, this nice lady would be standing all ride long. After four or five stops, she said, "I'm about to get off so you can have your seat back." I thanked her and said, "Enjoy the rest of your day." "You too, you deserve it," was her reply.

— Muath Almaiah, Metro US reader



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The Marvel movie was a true cinematic feat. ALL PHOTOS MARVEL STUDIOS

'Avengers: Infinity War' was even more 'groundbreaking' than we realized

The Russo Brothers talk us through the cinematic behemoth.



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"Avengers: Infinity War" felt groundbreaking for a number of reasons.

Of course, there was its gross of over \$2 billion, which made it the fourth most successful film of all time, while there was also the fact that it was the first half of what is expected to be the final story for at least one of the Avengers.

The mammoth financial haul and anticipation surrounding "Avengers: Infinity War" and the upcoming "Endgame" means that particular reasons why it triumphed can often get overlooked. That's why it was so satisfying when "Avengers: Infinity War" recently received an Oscar nomination for Best Visual Effects, which Dan DeLeeuw, Kelly Port, Russell Earl and Dan Sudick will contest.

But why does "Avengers: Infinity War" deserve this Academy Awards recognition?

"These guys can

break it down by the amount of time they didn't see their families," co-director Joe Russo jokes to Metro, before then pointing in the direction of Port, Earl, and DeLeeuw.

"There are 2,703 cuts in the film. We worked on 2,623 of those. So there are only 80 shots that we didn't touch," explains DeLeeuw. "We had 14 visual-effects houses across the world working on it. There was Weta's visual effects house down in New Zealand and then a smaller house in Hawaii in Maui. So there wasn't a point during post production where 'Infinity War' wasn't being worked on."

The visual-effects work required was extensive, too, with Earl calling nearly all of the shots "full-scale crazy."

"A lot of the time you look at that number of shots and you know most of them will just be wire removals. All of these shots were big shots. There is all the space stuff and then there is Wakanda. Which was shot on a horse farm. But all of it was replaced digitally. There is a great set built by our set designer. And

then we had to destroy it. The rule of thumb was that if we built a massive location we then had to destroy it."

Then there was "Infinity War's" hugely ambitious finale.

"In terms of scale, Thor starts our finale in Nidavillar, we have a finale in Wakanda, and then a finale in Titan. We have 3 finales where most films have one. That explains the scope," says DeLeeuw. "With each finale we needed something else that made it big. Then, once we had gone through all three of the finales, Thanos turns up at the end and we have that climactic moment where he takes on Vision and does the snap."

But did they ever try to scale back the action and destruction so that "Infinity War" didn't peak too early?

"We'd always go as crazy as possible. There's a 40-minute version of the Titan battle out there," insists Port, which prompts Joe Russo to admit, "There's a 20-minute version of the duel between Doctor Strange and Thanos. We had an edit for the whole movie that was twice as long."



"Avengers: Infinity War" was nominated for Best Visual Effects at the 2019 Oscars.

"But you can tell where the storytelling gets wobbly and the story starts to dissipate. Really at the end of the day, the driving principle of whether something stays or goes is whether it is on story and if it is advancing the story. Everyone at this table is amazing at asking that question."

It wasn't just in post-production where the visual effects shaped "Infinity War," though. Because DeLeeuw, Earl, Port and Sudick's presentation of just how impressive, detailed and, most importantly,

emotional they could make Josh Brolin as Thanos convinced the Russo Brothers to rewrite "Infinity War."

"Until we started doing the experiments with Dan and the team we didn't hang the movie on Thanos to the degree we did," says Anthony Russo. "We only did that when Dan came to us and said, 'We're at the moment now with technology where we can do something remarkable with motion capture with Josh Brolin.' When we saw the tests that's when Joe and I changed the story and started to

lean on Thanos."

"Thanos was always the main villain. But we changed the relationship with his daughter Gamora. The complexity of that father and daughter relationship was something we chased once we knew that we could actually see Thanos' heart break. That's the level where it had to be."

"That's the groundbreaking element of it," surmises Joe. "In a movie full of live-action characters we were able to hang the emotional arc of the story on a fully CG 8-foot character."



"Alita" hits theaters this weekend. TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

Why it took 20 years to make 'Alita: Battle Angel'

Producer Jon Landau talks us through the cyberpunk action film.



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While it has taken 20 years for producers Jon Landau and James Cameron to finally bring their adaptation of Yukito Kishiro's manga series "Alita: Battle Angel" to the big screen, to say that it has languished in development hell would be doing those involved a disservice.

Landau and Cameron worked tirelessly during this time to ready the cyberpunk action film, which, Landau tells Metro, was originally brought to them in 1999 by Oscar-winning director Guillermo del Toro, who intended to direct it "because he felt it was a film his eight-year-old daughter needed to hear and experience."

The core story of "a girl who thought she was insignificant but then discovers that inside of herself is the ability to be a hero" was very important to Cameron and Landau, too.

"We feel like there can

never be enough inspirational women characters. Jim and I have talked about the incredible roles that each of our mothers have played in our lives. How they have influenced us with their strength and perseverance through different kinds of adversity. We really wanted to make something inspirational."

However, it then took five years to get the "Alita" script right, at which point del Toro had moved on to other projects and Cameron had turned his attention to "Avatar." The huge success of the latter meant that "Alita" was soon on the back burner

again.

"If we wanted to honor it, we knew we had to find a director," continues

"WE FEEL LIKE THERE CAN NEVER BE ENOUGH INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN CHARACTERS."

Landau. "We wanted to find someone we could partner with. Someone we could leave our child with." Then, during a social lunch with Robert

Rodriguez, where Cameron admitted he would be consumed by "Avatar" sequels for the foreseeable future, the Texan director revealed himself to be the perfect man for the job. There was just one task that he had to complete.

"Jim showed him the artwork that we had created and gave him a script that he knew was too long. It was 186 pages, with 600 pages of notes. Jim said, 'If you can crack this, then you can direct this.' Robert went off in a relatively unprecedented manner with no deal in place.

"He said, 'I'm not go-

ing to rewrite this. I'm going to edit this. Because you do not rewrite Jim Cameron."

Rodriguez spent a further five years working on "Alita," and then, in 2016, the next hurdle arrived in the shape of finding the right actress to portray Alita. After a lengthy casting process, the titular role was claimed by Rosa Salazar, who, according to Landau, stood out because she was able to go from "wide-eyed innocence" to "a warrior seeking vengeance and revenge."

"Alita: Battle Angel" opens in theaters Feb. 14.

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Celebrity and entertainment news is always juicy. Even if you don't keep up with tabloids or regularly check gossip websites, everyone loves their daily dose of the tea. Metro has the scoop on the biggest scandals, shockers, shades and all-around crazy tidbits that have the celebrity world in a tizzy. Here are the biggest gossip stories of this week. **MOLLY GIVEN**

KATY PERRY IS ACCUSED OF EVOKING BLACK-FACE IMAGERY

Katy Perry came under fire after fans accused the singer of evoking blackface imagery on two designs of shoes in her shoe line. The shoes boast a pair of exaggerated red lips, big blue eyes and a triangle nose on top of black Nappa leather. This accusation comes after Gucci and Prada had to apologize for blackface imagery on a wool balaclava-designed sweater and a window display using black figurines. According to The Washington Post, Perry made a statement apologizing shortly after the backlash was brought to her attention: "I was saddened when it was brought to my attention that it was being compared to painful images reminiscent of blackface. Our intention was never to inflict any pain."

CHRIS WOOD, MELISSA BENOIST ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

"Supergirl" co-stars Chris Wood and Melissa Benoist announced their engagement on social media this week after almost two years of dating. "Yes yes yes it will always be yes," Benoist captioned her Instagram post while showing off her ring. Producers of "Supergirl" also saw potential with the couple years ago, one producer told Variety in 2016. "The chemistry between Chris and Melissa is definitely palpable, and we're loving writing their characters together. The next episode is a big Kara/Mon-El story that we're really excited about." Benoist was previously married to "Glee" co-star Blake Jenner in 2013, the couple separated in 2016, and the divorce was finalized a year later.

JENNIFER ANISTON TURNS 50 AND THROWS AN EPIC BIRTHDAY BASH

Jennifer Aniston turned 50 this week, and the megastar celebrated her monumental birthday with an epic, star-studded bash. There were plenty of Hollywood A-listers at the party including Katy Perry, Kate Hudson, Gwyneth Paltrow, Orlando Bloom, Ellen DeGeneres, Demi Moore, Reese Witherspoon and more according to Cosmopolitan. Notably, a few of Aniston's exes were also there including Brad Pitt and John Mayer. Justin Theroux was not in attendance, but he did wish his ex-wife a happy birthday on Instagram.

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Why Amazon's 'Lorena' documentary

Lorena Bobbitt and Joshua Rofé explain why the series is so necessary right now.



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Between TNT's dramatization of a post-Black Dahlia murder Los Angeles and Netflix and Sundance's fascination with Ted Bundy, the true-crime renaissance is still well underway.

With executive producer Jordan Peele's "Lorena" documentary series on Amazon Prime, however, the zeitgeist is finally taking a strong (and necessary) turn toward the #MeToo and Time's Up movements.

That's because, as star Lorena Bobbitt and filmmaker Joshua Rofé explain the situation to Metro, the iconic tabloid news story of



The new docu-series debuts this weekend. ALL PHOTOS AMAZON

Lorena's actions against her then-husband John Wayne Bobbitt were all anyone cared about at the time. Even now, when asked about the Bobbitt story, most people will remember the fact that Lorena cut off John Wayne's penis and threw it into a field. Yet they won't remember

any of the details that precede it.

"It's been so amazing and incredible to see the public be so engaging to this story now," says Bobbitt, who now goes by the name Lorena Gallo. "Thanks to Joshua, everyone is finally getting to see what happens to the

victims in these kinds of stories, and how traumatizing it all can be."

She is especially happy to see the positive reactions to the documentary series from critics and industry professionals alike at the Sundance Film Festival, where it screened ahead of its mid-Febru-

ary premiere date.

"Back then, it felt like society had failed me. The media had failed me," she adds. "Now I feel justified. I feel that the story came out beautifully, based on the work that Joshua has done, and that's exactly how we wanted to portray it. We wanted to reach out to survivors, and not just survivors, but victims. We wanted to send a message to them with this, that they can be safe and that there is hope. There are communities of support out there for them. There's a light at the dark tunnel and I've seen it."

Gallo has always been willing to tell her side of the story whenever given the opportunity, but she has long been wary of most efforts to document it with as much detail as Rofé's series does. That's because, more often than not, most film-

makers have simply wanted to rehash the sensational nature of the Bobbitt story. Rofé, however, wanted to recast everything in a new and more thoughtful light.

"I was scrolling through Facebook back in 2016 when I saw a Huffington Post headline that read, 'Lorena Bobbitt is done being your punchline,'" he recalls. "Melissa Jeltsen's article argued that we as a society missed an opportunity to have a national conversation about domestic violence. Instead, it descended into one long d—k joke. After that, I went down the rabbit hole and read everything I could find about the Bobbitt story. Obscure pieces that were published for university publications and written by scholars of feminist and media theory. I read a lot about the 24-hour news cycle and

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series is so important

quickly realized I was seeing all the pieces to a puzzle that, when you put Lorena's story in the middle of it, helps it all make sense."

"That's when I knew that this was going to be my next project," Rofé adds.

The young documentarian subsequently made contact with Gallo and began pitching her on his ideas for what the series would be. She admits she was "skeptical at first," but once Rofé started talking about domestic violence, trauma and the media cycle, she realized what was happening.

The two immediately got to work on what would become Amazon's "Lorena" series, which Gallo insisted focus on domestic violence and how it figured into her story. Rofé agreed. When, 10 months into the production, the first Har-



vey Weinstein story broke in the New York Times, however, they realized just how important their work was going to be.

"I felt really empowered to speak out even more at that point," she says. "I felt that this wasn't an issue that people were talking about enough. The reason why I did this doc-

umentary in the first place was I wanted to share my story so that others with similar experiences wouldn't have to go through what I did."

Gallo adds that her being a mother to a daughter who will soon be heading out into the world also influenced her decision to get involved.

"Eventually she's going to become an adult and will have to experience the world," she says. "I want her to feel free to walk around on her college campus without being afraid of being accosted or sexually assaulted by someone who will most likely get away with it." "Lorena" premieres Friday on Amazon Prime.

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Here's your
singles guide to
Valentine's Day.

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Even if you're cool with being single the rest of the year, Valentine's Day is probably a night you'd rather stay home than be caught next to a surprise public proposal (ugh, don't do that). We have another proposal — get out there and enjoy your fabulous self at these singles-oriented Valentine's Day events in NYC.

Laugh it off

Since starting in 2014, Live @ The Apt has outgrown most New

York City apartments, so its latest show is taking over Villain in Williamsburg for a special Valentine's stand-up comedy show. Sydnee Washington, Brendan Eyre, Yedoye Travis and Samantha Ruddy will find the fun in (and make plenty of fun of) our modern struggle for love, all the sex we are or aren't having, and that elusive relationship that seems only a swipe away. **Doors at 7:30 p.m., 307 Kent Ave., Brooklyn, \$10, liveapt.tv**

Cupid works it for you

Artistic singles are invited to Cupid Goes Commando at the Refinery Hotel for a Valentine's Day twist

on the traditional Paint & Sip class. No still life of fruit bowls here — guests will be painting a live semi-nude male Cupid, accompanied by live jazz, cocktails (two are included with your ticket), unlimited wine and a decadent chocolate fondue fountain. **6-9 p.m., 63 W. 38th St., \$60, universe.com**

Try your luck (with the help of champagne)

Do it like Liz Lemon and don't let Valentine's Day make it an awkward night to connect with a new love. OKCupid is taking over Hotel Chantelle for a night of champagne (open bar from 9-10 p.m.), hors d'oeuvres, live music,

photo ops and, of course, mingling. Each guest gets a rose at the entrance signifying their status, and a free astrology reading by Jane of All Trends or Love Language evaluation by LastFirst Matchmaking can help you see your romantic future. **9 p.m.-2 a.m., 92 Ludlow St., \$25, eventbrite.com**

Mend your broken heart

Unlucky in love? Seek solace at the Queens Library during Broken Heart Week. Pay tribute to endings and open yourself up to new beginnings through heart-mending events like blind dates with books, movie screenings, comedy, concerts, crafting

and more. Don't miss a multimedia presentation on the "passionate and often devastating" love life of Frida Kahlo on Valentine's Day at the Seaside branch in Rockaway Park. **Through Feb. 16, free, multiple locations, queenslibrary.org**

Jeers to love

Hate Valentine's Day? Broken hearts of all sorts are invited to vent at Books Are Magic with dramatic readings to put love back in its place from authors Molly Rosen Guy, Jessica Ciencin Henriquez, Brooke Williams, Emily Rapp Black and Rachel Fleit. Winc will provide the Lost Poet wine, and you can also get your

ears pierced courtesy of Pair Piercing (though, speaking from experience, we don't recommend making this kind of decision when under the influence of heart-break). Admission is a \$10 suggested donation to Planned Parenthood of NYC. **6:30 p.m., 225 Smith St, Brooklyn, book-saremagic.net**

Who needs love?

Who needs love? Not Lea DeLaria, the SAG Award-winning breakout star of "Orange Is the New Black" as Carrie "Big Boo" Black. But that's just the latest chapter in her comic, jazz music and theater career. And on Valentine's night, she's saying "F*ck Love" at Joe's Pub with the

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Tip No. 1: "Miami" includes Miami Beach, Coral Gables, the Design District, Wynwood and a host of other places that aren't technically in the city. But they're most definitely "Miami."

Tip No. 2: You need a car. Miami (see Tip #1) sprawls over an area the size of Rhode Island.

Miami Beach

South Beach is where movie stars, millionaires, models and regular folks can get a ground-level view of Ocean Drive, the beach and the Art Deco hotels that have served as the iconic backdrop for "Miami CSI," "Miami Vice" and just about every televised sporting event in a 25-mile radius.

Every north-south street here has a distinctive flavor and is packed with restaurants and shops. East-west spots not to miss are tiny Española Way with its Mediterranean flair, and Lincoln Road, a chic, pedestrian-only mall lined with shops

and eateries, most of which offer shaded outdoor eating under clusters of umbrellas. The stunning Holocaust Memorial stands a few blocks north, behind the convention center.

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Coral Gables

Classy, chic, trendy and historic all in one. The Gables is one of the oldest neighborhoods — actually, a city unto itself — where you can come for the architecture, enjoy the fine dining and stay for a stroll through some of the finest art galleries in the area.

The Biltmore Hotel's 93-foot, copper-clad tower may be the Gables' most recognizable point. It's modeled after a 12th-



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Design District and Wynwood

Wynwood is best known for casual eats, including clusters of food trucks, and as the heart of the region's art scene. There are galleries galore, but no trip to South Florida is complete without a visit to the Wynwood Walls, a world-class display of graffiti by some of the top artists in the urban art field, such as Os Gemeos and Shepard Fairey.

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Why this NYC mu-
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New York's Museum of Sex is truly one of the city's most quirky and interesting destinations. With larger-than-life interactive exhibitions that showcase all of the playful and erotic things that could possibly tickle your fancy, it is as fun as it is enlightening.

We caught up with Lissa Rivera, one of the curators at the Museum of Sex to talk about how the museum's exhibits and subjects help to wipe away all of the negative stigmas around sex and how it can be a great ice-breaker on a Valentine's Day date.

The Museum of Sex provides many interactive exhibitions exploring sex in fun ways. What do you think the benefit is of approaching such a hush-hush subject in such an upfront manner?

In our society, it's important to try and eradicate a sense of shame around sexuality. I feel that everyone can relate to questioning their fantasies and feeling a sense of apprehension about whether or not their desires or their bodies are normal or that they will be desirable in society. So through our exhibitions, we hope to

create a sense of empathy within our audience so that people can apply this empathy to their personal lives or apply this empathy to the way they treat others.

Because everyone experiences sexuality. Whether they are asexual or whether they are fluidly sexual, everyone deals with this being part of their identity. So, it's very important to us to kind of display things in a way that allows people to expand their perception on how their sexuality can be to combat taboos and to normalize sexuality so people can feel comfortable in their personal lives.

We also try to break down stereotypes because living with the idea of how you are supposed to be or what's normal can break down relationships.

If you have a desire and you feel like it's strange and you hide it, you're not being your full self in a relationship. So it's important to make people feel more comfortable within themselves and how they treat their partners or others.

It seems as though certain things have become more acceptable parts of the mainstream conversation, such as sexual orientation and kinks. Do you think the next sexual hurdle to jump is on people being more understanding and truthful with themselves now that more things are widely talked about and accepted?
I agree with that wholeheartedly. I feel like breaking down stereo-

types is really important because sexuality is very individual and can't really be categorized easily. I think it's important to be expansive and comfortable with that lack of full understanding as well.

So, I think we really want to break gender stereotypes here with the exhibitions that we present so that in different relationships the pressure to perform in terms of stereotyped or preconceived ideas of how one should act especially with all of the expectations that come with a holiday like Valentine's Day.

Would you recommend the Museum of Sex as a good date option for couples?

We have a lot of visitors come in on dates, and I feel like it's important to not feel insecure in terms of your partner finding something interesting that is not completely "you" at the time. You should be open-minded and allow for a comfortable open space for your partner as well as yourself.

Sometimes people enter the museum and they might feel embarrassed or ashamed because that's how people have been programmed to feel around sexuality. So, if you come here on a date it's really important to just have an open mind and be really sensitive and not scared if your partner might be attracted to something that is unusual to you. That can be a real opening in communication.

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Long gone are the days of sheer loyalty between star athletes and their organizations (thanks a lot, free agency and penny-pinching owners).

But on a holiday that celebrates love, we here at Metro are here to show you that there still might be some left in the shrewd world that is professional sports.

Okay, maybe not. But the sensitive side of all sports fans can dream, can't they?

Now before you rush to the pharmacy to find a last-minute card, find out there is any type of love left around the New York sports scene.

JOE PANTORNO

Love affair between Yankees, Manny Machado blooming?



The Yankees could still come away with one of the game's top free agents this winter.



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All the puzzle pieces could be falling into perfect place for the New York Yankees after all in a twisting romance story worthy of the cheesiest writers at Hallmark.

Perfect timing for Valentine's Day, right?

In what has been one of the most excruciatingly slow offseasons in Major League Baseball — one that could contribute to a strike in the next few years — Manny Machado and his suitors continue to leave Yankees fans dangling by the smallest pebble atop the highest cliff.

While they have been considered out of the race for fellow free-agent megastar Bryce Harper for quite some time, the Yankees are still very much in on the Machado hunt, according to a myriad of inconsistent, cryptic, and



Manny Machado's link with the Yankees continues to fuel rumors. GETTY IMAGES

at times, irresponsible reports.

Granted, the Yankees didn't make things any easier with their hot-and-cold approach to the 26-year-old All-Star infielder. General manager Brian Cashman made it clear the Yankees were not willing to break the bank on Machado considering he was looking for a \$300 million contract over 10 years. They already have the albatross contract of Giancarlo Stanton on their plate and will have to pay the likes of Aaron Judge and Gleyber Torres down the road. They also bolstered their infield

depth by signing Troy Tulowitzki and DJ LeMahieu, which means signing Machado would add to the log jam in the Bronx.

Like the kid that hung out under the bleacher pining after the head cheerleader, Machado has always kept his eyes on the Yankees, even if they weren't going to come through with that monster contract.

Interest from the Philadelphia Phillies, Chicago White Sox, and now the San Diego Padres, have offered tantalizing destinations for him, but the almighty dollar hasn't been there yet:

The Phillies are loading up in a competitive NL East after acquiring Andrew McCutchen, Jean Segura, and JT Realmuto. Add their big-time interest on Bryce Harper and Philadelphia could become the favorites in the NL East.

The White Sox did everything possible to make Windy City look as attractive as possible for Machado. Their offer is anywhere between \$175 million and \$250 million and they also spent this offseason acquiring Machado's brother-in-law, Yonder Alonso, and good friend Jon Jay.

The Padres recently emerged as major players in the Machado sweepstakes, but he is unsure of if he wants to play there, per SNY's Andy Martino.

Yet here are the Yankees, acting like the cool kid standing off to the side acting as though they're above the chaos. And that tactic might just be working.

Machado grew up a Yankees fan, his wife loves New York City, even his cousin told MLB Network last year that he wants to see him in Pinstripes. Now Martino's report added that his friends are "pushing" for him to take a short-term deal with the Yankees.

If Machado is having this difficult a time choosing a suitor — especially if it is because of contract terms — that option of a short-term deal around the five-year range, which would still offer a high average annual salary, will only become a more attractive option.

That suddenly might be right in the Yankees' wheelhouse, who could quickly return Machado's unrequited love for his childhood team.

Mets give bogus excuse for lack of Machado, Harper chase



We are long past the point of ridiculousness when it comes to the current status of free-agent star outfielder Bryce Harper, too.

As spring training begins, the six-time All-Star and 2015 NL MVP remains unsigned as teams remain stubborn to hash out that huge deal in the range of 10 years worth \$300 million, the same kind Machado was looking for.

It seems as though things are finally beginning to take shape though as the baseball world is getting a better idea of where Harper will land.

This offseason has seen the former Washington National linked to the likes of the New York Yankees, Los Angeles Dodgers, Chicago Cubs, and Philadelphia Phillies. Now in mid-February, that list is reportedly down to just two teams with only one of the original suitors still

in the hunt.

USA Today's Bob Nightengale told KNBR that the Phillies and San Francisco Giants are the last two teams standing in the Harper sweepstakes.

It is believed that the Giants are set to offer Harper a short-term deal, something in the five-to-six-year range, that still holds an average annual salary around the \$30 million mark. For a team desperate for outfield legitimacy, the Giants would thrust themselves back into the NL West hunt with Harper while providing the Las Vegas native with a way back to the west coast.

Regarding the Phillies, Nightengale believes they would have to "grossly outbid" the Giants to get Harper. That would likely mean a contract that matches his 10-year desires while eclipsing the



Despite having the money, the Mets refused to go after the likes of Bryce Harper. GETTY IMAGES

\$300 million mark.

One of their division rivals, the Mets, who have stayed away from both Harper and Machado this offseason despite being a big-market ball club with plenty of money to spend, helped shed some light as to why they remained pas-

sive.

Speaking with Mike Francesa on WFAN, Mets general manager Brodie Van Wagenen said that Harper and Machado are "probably not the best fit for us."

There is no denying that the Mets have plenty

of names currently on the roster to keep happy when it comes to the prospect of nabbing Harper. In the outfield, Michael Conforto and Brandon Nimmo will man corner outfield spots while Yoenis Cespedes recovers (if he returns at all).

In center field, the oft-injured Juan Lagares will lead a competition that will also feature the light-hitting Keon Broxton.

But to suggest that any of these names trumps the prospect of signing Bryce Harper is quite a bold statement, one that will likely further draw the ire of Mets fans.

With a projected \$40 million in cap space still available, per Spotrac, there wouldn't be much issue fitting Harper's salary in the team's books. But Mets fans have heard this song and dance 1,000 times already: The Wilpon family would never make a big move like that, even if it meant the Mets would become a World Series contender. JOE PANTORNO

Murray gives G-Men new QB target



BUDDING LOVE?

The reigning Heisman Trophy winner is set to enter the NFL Draft this spring. Could the Giants take a look?



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After much speculation, reigning Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray announced on Monday that he will commit full time to be an NFL quarterback.

Prior to his standout season at Oklahoma, Murray was selected in the first round by the Oakland Athletics where baseball was originally believed to be his first choice despite making it known he would play one season with the Sooners.

What followed was a magical 2018 season in which he led Oklahoma to a 12-2 record and a national semifinal appearance against Alabama. He



Kyler Murray announced on Monday that he will pursue a full-time NFL career. GETTY IMAGES

threw for 4,360 yards with 42 touchdowns compared to just seven interceptions while rushing for an additional 1,001 yards and 12 touchdowns.

The monster season saw Murray shoot up draft boards even though if it was unclear whether or not he would declare for the draft. He did just that in January despite the Ath-

letics doing everything in their power to ensure he would stay in baseball.

His decision, further reinforced by his statements on Monday, means he will return \$1.29 million of his \$1.5 million signing bonus with the A's and forfeit the remaining \$3.16 million that was due to him on Mar. 1, per ESPN's Jeff Passan.

for veteran Eli Manning, which likely takes them out of the running for Nick Foles.

Instead, it looks as though general manager Dave Gettleman will bring Manning back for the final year of his contract and draft his future replacement. That way the pick will have as much as a year to spend under the two-time Super Bowl MVP's wing to acclimate to the NFL.

As it stands, the general consensus is that the Giants will be able to nab Dwayne Haskins with the sixth pick. The Ohio State product is widely regarded as the top passer in the draft and has made it known that he wishes to play for the Giants.

Now with his sights firmly on the NFL, Murray provides teams that are in need of a quarterback with another potential star option.

Among those teams are the New York Giants with the No. 6 pick, who look as though they won't spend big on the free-agent market to find an immediate replacement

pull off a trade to move up the draft board, the Giants could be faced with finding a consolation prize.

Murray can be just that as he is projected to be taken in the first round, though that could change depending on his performance at the NFL Combine. He would provide the Giants with a scrambling quarterback, something the franchise hasn't really featured since the days of Fran Tarkenton. But that athleticism would be important for an offense that has needed a quarterback that was able to extend the play with his legs in order to find big outside targets like Odell Beckham Jr.

Along with Duke's Daniel Jones and Missouri's Drew Lock, you can expect the Giants to take a vested interest in Murray over the next few months.



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Durant can't shake Knicks link

It's been quite an eventful week for Golden State Warriors superstar Kevin Durant, who has tried (and failed) to hush talks of a move in free agency this summer to the New York Knicks.

The 10-time All-Star and 30-year-old forward, who has been linked with the Knicks since the summer after it became known he would likely test the market on Jul. 1, saw the rumor mill shift into overdrive after New York traded Kristaps Porzingis to the Dallas Mavericks. The move helped the Knicks clear up a projected total of \$71 million in cap space this summer where a big chunk of it will likely be devoted to Durant.

That seemed to be the last straw for Durant, who snapped at the media for their continued speculation on where he'll be playing his basketball at the start of the 2019-20 season.

"I have nothing to do



Rumors continue to swirl around Kevin Durant. GETTY IMAGES

with the Knicks," Durant said. "I don't know who traded Porzingis. They got nothing to do with me. I'm trying to play basketball."

Had Durant continued to just play basketball, maybe those rumors would have died down a little bit. The problem is, he made a move that ushered in even more speculation this week.

ESPN reported on Monday that Durant is moving his production company, Thirty Five Ventures, to New York in a move the two-time

Finals MVP "insists is a careful expansion."

Sure, it may be careful, but is it logical? Not exactly if he's spending most of his year in the Bay Area playing for the Warriors. It's a completely different story if he signs for the Knicks.

It would be a confusing move to see Durant leave a team that is the middle of a dynastic run for one that has been dysfunctional for the past 20 years, even more so this season.

The Knicks are by far the worst team in the

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NBA, currently on a franchise-record 17-game losing streak that has them well-positioned for the No. 1 pick of the 2019 NBA Draft that could become Duke standout, Zion Williamson.

The youngster's ceiling and the abundance of money accrued by the Knicks will only add to the allure of playing in New York, which has obviously been a tough sell given the trials and tribulations of ownership and management.

A free-agency spending frenzy that would supply more than one All-Star would quickly make New York one of the best teams in the Eastern Conference. Add that to the possibility of delivering a championship to a starving franchise and the Knicks are only going to look more attractive to a player like Durant. JOE PANTORNO

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that a license Number 1315196, for On Premise Liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 6909 3rd Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11209. Kings County, for on-premises consumption. Brooklyn Specialty Foods Inc.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that a license, Number Pending, for On Premise Liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 161-18 Union Tnpke., Fresh Meadows, NY 11367. Queens County, for on-premises consumption. Kabayan Restaurant & Bakery Inc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that a license Number 1315397, for On Premise Liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 2 W. 32nd St., # 302B, New York, NY 10001. New York County, for on-premises consumption. Base Karaoke Inc.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

Supreme Court
County Of Queens
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.,
Plaintiff AGAINST Harry
O'Berry a/k/a Harry E. O'Berry,
Michael J. Sancho a/k/a
Michael Sancho, Marilyn
Sancho, and Terri Ann Sancho,
et al, Defendant Pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale duly dated 4/6/17
and entered on 4/18/17, I, the
undersigned Referee, will sell
at public auction at the Queens
County Courthouse, 88-11
Sutphin Blvd., Courtroom 25,
Jamaica, NY on February 22,
2019 at 10:00 AM premises
known as 14-90 Point Breeze
Place, Far Rockaway,
NY 11691. All that certain plot
piece or parcel of land, with
the buildings and improvements
erected, situate, lying and being
in the County of Queens,
City and State of New York,
BLOCK: 15689, LOT: 29.
Approximate amount of
judgment is \$767,138.34
plus interests and costs.
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provisions of filed Judgment
Index # 702867/2013.
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Gerald Chianello, II, Referee
FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS
WEISMAN & GORDON LLP
53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore,
NY 11706.

NOTICE OF FORMATION

of Tea Two Tea LLC. Articles
of Org. filed with the Secy. of
State of New York (SSNY) on
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Supreme Court County Of Queens
Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for MFRA Trust 2015-1, Plaintiff AGAINST Oliver F. Lopez as Heir to the Estate of Maria Lopez, Francis M. Lopez as Heir to the Estate of Maria Lopez, Andrew F. Lopez as Heir to the Estate of Maria Lopez, Maria Lopez's respective heirs at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, Board of Managers of Colonial Townhouses Condominium, United States of America, Criminal Court of the City of New York, Asset Acceptance, LLC, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Workers' Compensation Board of New York State, South Nassau Orthopedic Surgery & Sports Medicine, PC, New Century Financial Services, Inc., Jamaica Seven, LLC, Liberty Point Corp., New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, Oliver Lopez, Andrew Lopez, Andrea Dorotey, Aristede Lopez, Lucia
"Doe" (Refused Last Name), Hector
"Doe" (Refused Last Name), Alonozo
"Doe" (Refused Last Name), Carine M. Desrouleaux, Tulane Realty, LP, United States Attorney's Office, Sysco Food Services of Connecticut LLC, Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC, Walker Resources Inc., Star Staffing Services, Queens Supreme Court, Midland Funding LLC, Shirley Hidalgo if living and if any be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgages, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, et al, Defendant
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/31/17 and entered on 6/14/17, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Courtroom 25, Jamaica, NY on March 08, 2019 at 10:00 AM premises known as 6817 242nd Street, Units 35A/1 and 356, Little Neck a/k/a Douglaston a/k/a Flushing, NY 11362. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8286, LOT:4211 and 4035 FKA p/o 32. Approximate amount of judgment is \$319,192.98 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 701324/2015.
Donna Furey, Referee
FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS
WEISMAN & GORDON LLP
53 Gibson Street
Bay Shore, NY 11706

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license, Number Pending, for Restaurant Wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Wine, Beer & Cider at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 261-267 Canal Street, Stall # 10, New York, NY 10012. New York County, for on premises consumption, Samurice NY Inc. d/b/a Izakaya/Samurice

LEGAL NOTICES**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff against
CLARENCE PRYOR
A/K/A CLARENCE E. PRYOR, MR. "JOHN" PRYOR (REFUSED FIRST NAME), Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 20, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Court Room # 25, Jamaica, N.Y. on the 1st day of March, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 11441 177th Street, Jamaica, N.Y. 11434. (Block: 10308, Lot: 52).
Approximate amount of lien \$628,777.59 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 118-13.
Craig Zim, Esq. Referee., McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C.
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
145 Huguenot Street – Suite 210
New Rochelle, New York 10801
(914) 636-8900

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT
QUEENS COUNTY
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against ROSE NEDGEE JOLIDAS, et al Defendants
Attorney for Plaintiff(s)
Fein, Such & Crane, LLP,
28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered September 29, 2016, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York 11435, in Courtroom #25 on March 8, 2019 at 10:00 AM. Premises known as 113-44 199th Street, Saint Albans, NY 11412.
Block 10993 Lot 326.
All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$530,932.02 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 21212-13.
David Dikman, Esq., Referee XCHJC356

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license, Number 1314785, for On Premise Liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 582 E. Fordham Rd., Bronx, NY 10458. Bronx County, for on-premises consumption. Barn Yard Barbeque Corp.

LEGAL NOTICES**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT
QUEENS COUNTY
U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff against
YOGNIE ARJOON DAIOWRAJ A/K/A YOGNIE ARJOON
A/K/A YOGNIE DAIOWRAJ
A/K/A YOGNIE A. DAIOWRAJ, et al Defendants
Attorney for Plaintiff(s)
Fein, Such & Crane, LLP,
28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered December 14, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York 11435, in Courtroom #25 on February 22, 2019 at 10:00 AM.
Premises known as 115-01 Linden Boulevard a/k/a 11501 Linden Boulevard, South Ozone Park, NY 11420. Block 11620 Lot 41.
All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City of New York, County of Queens and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$564,299.60 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 711349/2015.
Charles Forchelli, Esq., Referee VERN674

SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF PATCHOGUE HOMES CORP. CONDOMINIUM #1, Plaintiff - against - ALVARO MENDEZ et al. Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated November 28, 2018 and entered December 21, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., in Courtroom #25, Jamaica, NY on March 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, known and designated as Unit 4-H in the condominium known as "Patchogue Homes Corp. Condominium #1", together with a .7337 percent undivided interest in the common elements. Section: 50 Block 11417 Lot: 1408. Said premises known as 85-09 151st AVENUE, UNIT 4H, HOWARD BEACH, NY Approximate amount of lien \$29,857.00 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.
Index # 703092/2016
JOHN DALLI, ESQ. Referee., Novitt, Sahr & Snow, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
118-35 Queens Blvd, Ste. 1515 Forest Hills, NY 11375.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license Number 1315453, for On Premise Liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 319 E. 53rd St., New York, NY 10022. New York County, for on-premises consumption. Midtown Eats LLC.

LEGAL NOTICES**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Ruth Rivera a/k/a Ruth N. Rivera; Luis Munoz a/k/a Luis A. Munoz a/k/a Luis Munos; Wilfredo Rivera a/k/a Wilfredo Rivera-Lopez; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 2, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, Courtroom #25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York on March 1, 2019 at 10:00AM, premises known as 933 Onderdonk Avenue, Ridgewood, New York 11385. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of NY, Block: 3475 Lot: 38. Approximate amount of judgment \$704,371.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 707185/2014. Jerome Patterson, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: January 24, 2019 60912

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT
QUEENS COUNTY
PENNYMAC CORP., Plaintiff against RIGOBERTO PEREZ, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered August 10, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York 11435, in Courtroom #25 on March 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM. Premises known as 112-04 93rd Avenue, Richmond Hill, NY 11418. Block 9320 Lot 91. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$591,597.31 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 6112/2013.
Peter M Carrozzo, Esq., Referee RSHC322

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Boba Fries LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/26/2018. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC c/o 81-21 Broadway, Elmhurst, NY 11373 which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICES**NOTICE OF SALE**

Supreme Court
County Of Queens
Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST
Dianna Quiroz, Kenneth Quiroz, et al, Defendant
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/16/18 and entered on 4/27/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Courtroom 25, Jamaica, NY on February 22, 2019 at 10:00 AM premises known as 255-44 149th Avenue, Rosedale, NY 114222. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 13669, LOT: 23. Approximate amount of judgment is \$574,682.06 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 702121/2013.
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Gerald Chiariello, II, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS
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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
US BANK, N.A. AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR TRUMAN 2012 SC2 TITLE TRUST, Plaintiff AGAINST SHARIF HOTAKI, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 17, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse in Courtroom # 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on March 15, 2019 at 10:00AM, premises known as 7210 160th STREET, FLUSHING, NY 11365. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Third Ward of the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK 6821, LOT 57. Approximate amount of judgment \$791,309.72 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 706766/2014.
Fearnone Gerard Lalande Esq., Referee
Gross Polowy, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
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SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AR19, Plaintiff AGAINST NORMA LOPEZ, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 10, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse in Courtroom #25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on March 01, 2019 at 10:00AM, premises known as 95-26 107TH STREET, OZONE PARK, NY 11416. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK 9390, LOT 15. Approximate amount of judgment \$709,583.95 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 9552/11. ALLEN R. BEERMAN, ESQ., Referee
Gross Polowy, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

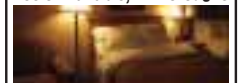
that a license, Number Pending, for On Premise Liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 99 2nd Ave., New York, NY 10003. New York County, for on premises consumption. Calexico Cinco LLC d/b/a Calexico.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that a license, Serial # 1315781, for Liquor, Wine & Beer has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor, Wine & Beer at retail under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 23-14 Ditmars Blvd., Astoria, NY 11105. Queens County, for on premise consumption. 23 14 Ditmars Rest Inc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that a license, Serial # 1316032, for Liquor, Wine & Beer has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor, Wine & Beer at retail under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 380A Marcus Garvey Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11221. Kings County, for on premise consumption. Hungry Tiger Inc.

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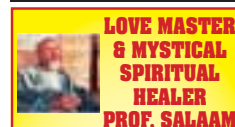
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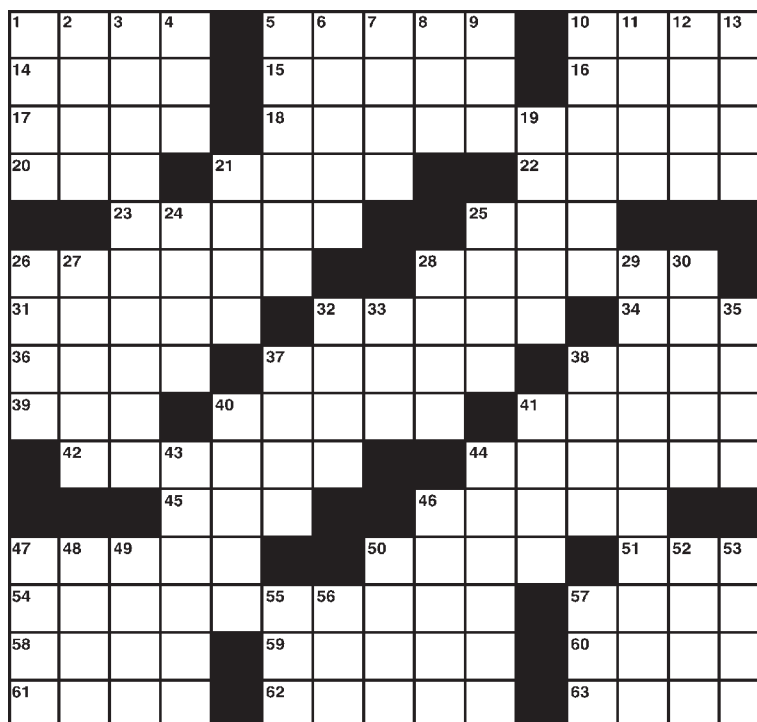
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34 Capture
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38 Alpha's follower
39 Big __; London landmark
40 Sparkle
41 Medium-sized dog
42 Gawked
44 Go by, as time

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10 Stinging insect
11 Grew gray
12 Become worn at the edges
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- 19 " __ Your Wagon"; Broadway musical
21 Quite
24 Dumbo's "wings"
25 Listen
26 Puncture
27 Loses color
28 "Trees" or "The Road Not Taken"
29 Surprising
30 Cracker spreads
32 Lean-to
33 Soothing drink
35 Unclothed
37 Murdered
38 Yacht or tug
40 Wedding party member
41 Miserable
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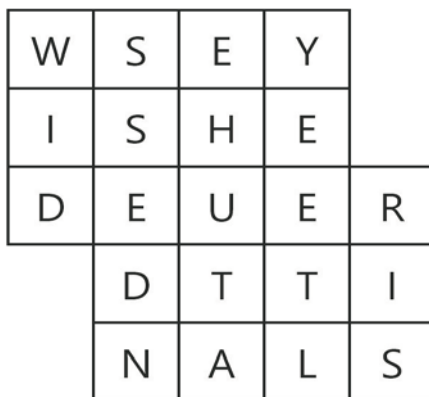
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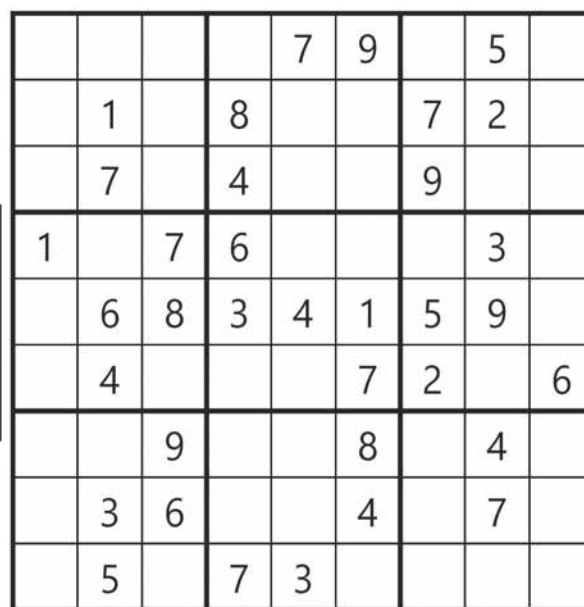
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